

outstanding Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize a family-owned small business, Smokey Pig Bar-B-Q of Bowling Green, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Kaye and Phil Huffer purchased Smokey Pig Bar-B-Q in 1999. Smokey Pig Bar-B-Q's founder, Ned "Smokey" Nickerson, began serving up his signature Monroe County-style barbecue in 1969 when he established the restaurant. To prepare this southern Kentucky staple, the meat is prepared with no spices before being smoked over hickory wood. The hickory-smoked meat has a distinct flavor and is served with a vinegar-based sauce. Before his family bought the business, Phil regularly made the 100-mile round trip from Bowling Green to his hometown to purchase Monroe County-style barbecue. Noticing the absence of this particular style of barbecue in Warren County, Kaye and Phil decided to run a barbecue restaurant. They bought Smokey Pig Bar-B-Q, welcoming their first customers in March 1999.

More than 20 years later, Kaye and Phil continue to serve up some of the best barbecue in Bowling Green. Folks drive from all over the Commonwealth to enjoy their delicious cuisine and family-friendly hospitality. Kaye and Phil's care and attention to detail are evident in every aspect of Smokey Pig Bar-B-Q's restaurant and catering business. Even the charcoal is made on site, using hickory wood from local sawmills. Their son Scott has also joined his parents in dedicating himself to the restaurant's continued success.

Together, Kaye and Phil seek to give back to their community in any way possible. Through Smokey Pig Bar-B-Q, Kaye and Phil regularly support community organizations, including Norton Children's Hospital in Louisville, KY. When their son, Matthew, was born preterm, they turned to the Children's Hospital for support. Now, Smokey Pig Bar-B-Q is a longtime supporter of the hospital, supporting their mission to continue helping children overcome health challenges.

Over the years, Smokey Pig Bar-B-Q's unique cuisine has been profiled by local and national media. It is currently rated as TripAdvisor's No. 1 Quick Bites in Bowling Green, and Grubwire named it the best restaurant in Bowling Green in 2019. Additionally, the Kentucky Pork Producers Association honored Smokey Pig Bar-B-Q as the 2018 Pork Restaurant of the Year. For more than a decade, locals have voted Smokey Pig Bar-B-Q as "Best of Bowling Green" in BG Daily News's annual readers' choice awards. The restaurant was also featured in the Food Network's "Feasting on Asphalt" series hosted by Alton Brown.

Smokey Pig Bar-B-Q is a remarkable example of how hard work and ingenuity can turn a dream into reality. Small businesses like Smokey Pig Bar-B-Q form the heart of towns across

Kentucky and regularly step up to support their communities. Congratulations to Phil, Kaye, and the entire Smokey Pig Bar-B-Q team. I wish them the best of luck and look forward to watching their continued growth and success in Kentucky.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1605. An act to designate the National Pulse Memorial located at 1912 South Orange Avenue in Orlando, Florida, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 64. Concurrent resolution directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill S. 1605.

At 11:20 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 839. Resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Robert Joseph Dole, a Senator from the State of Kansas.

#### MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 29. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Department of Labor relating to "COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing; Emergency Temporary Standard".

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2773. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2774. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Commissioner of the Food and Drugs Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2775. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Thirteenth Review of the Backlog of Postmarketing Requirements and Commitments"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2776. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Strategies to Improve Patient Safety"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2777. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2018 Report to Congress on Community Services Block Grant Discretionary Activities - Community Economic Development and Rural Community Development Programs"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2778. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2779. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report and the Management Response for the period of April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2780. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2021 and the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2781. A communication from the Director, Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions from the Unanticipated Needs Account for fiscal year 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2782. A communication from the Acting Chief Financial Officer and Associate Administrator for Performance Management, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's fiscal year 2021 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2783. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2784. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2785. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2786. A communication from the Chairman, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Amtrak, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress for the period from April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2787. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the six-month period from April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2788. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to two (2) vacancies in the Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2021; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2789. A communication from the Agency Representative, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees During Fiscal Year 2020" (RIN0651-AD31) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2021; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2790. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to notifying Congress that the Commission did not complete or initiate competitive sourcing for conversion in fiscal year 2020, nor do they plan to do so in fiscal year 2021; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DURBIN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 1425. A bill to enable the Federal Trade Commission to deter filing of sham citizen petitions to cover an attempt to interfere with approval of a competing generic drug or biosimilar, to foster competition, and facilitate the efficient review of petitions filed in good faith to raise legitimate public health concerns, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. REED for the Committee on Armed Services.

\*John Bradley Sherman, of Texas, to be Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense.

\*Carrie Frances Ricci, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

\*Ashish S. Vazirani, of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. William J. Prendergast IV, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Col. Jackie L. Thompson, Jr., to be Brigadier General.

Space Force nomination of Col. Timothy A. Sejba, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Roger D. Lyles, to be Major General.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. James H. Adams III and ending with Brig. Gen. Christian F. Wortman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 1, 2021.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the ex-

pense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nomination of Troy J. Johnson, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Mary T. Guest, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Eric J. Jordan, to be Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Zachary P. Augustine and ending with Michael L. Toomer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 27, 2021.

Air Force nominations beginning with Chad A. Bellamy and ending with Andrew L. Thornley, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 27, 2021.

Air Force nominations beginning with Ross Andrew Brown and ending with Lisa Marie Wotkowicz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 27, 2021.

Air Force nominations beginning with Kip T. Averett and ending with Daniel S. Walker, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 27, 2021.

Air Force nominations beginning with Shawn J. Alves and ending with Alexander J. Zoll, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 27, 2021.

Air Force nominations beginning with Patrick E. Bracken and ending with Thaddaeus J. Werner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 27, 2021.

Air Force nomination of Anthony W. Perez, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Dustin R. Meredith, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with George L. Chapman and ending with Michael L. Yanzon, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2021.

Air Force nominations beginning with Luis J. Adames and ending with Michael J. Willen, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2021.

Air Force nomination of Rebecca L. Hess, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Angelica M. Drexel and ending with William R. Singiser, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2021.

Air Force nomination of Kyle P. Allen, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Sean M. Batzer and ending with Lenard W. Tol, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2021.

Air Force nominations beginning with Ashley D. Brown and ending with Alexander T. Pingree, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2021.

Air Force nomination of Ross C. Stanley, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brandon R. Abel and ending with Brandon A. Zuercher, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2021.

Air Force nominations beginning with Bradley D. Altman and ending with Robert J. Yates III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2021.

Air Force nominations beginning with Alicia D. Abrams and ending with James A. Wright, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2021.

Air Force nomination of Simone E. Zacharias, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Adrian A. Andrews, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Richard J. Sonnenfeld, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Andrea N. Apple, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Robert J. Abbott and ending with Megan Wakefield, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 27, 2021.

Army nomination of Tanya K. Bindernagel, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Grant T. Alexis and ending with Thomas J. Witkowski, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 27, 2021.

Army nomination of Gabrielle L. Murray, to be Major.

Army nomination of Michael R. Ruiz, to be Major.

Army nomination of Nicholas J. Beck, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Peter A. Doblar, to be Major.

Army nomination of Francis E. Igo IV, to be Major.

Army nomination of Ken M. Woods, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Katharine M. E. Adams and ending with Hans P. Zeller, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 1, 2021.

Army nominations beginning with Alejandro L. Buniag, Jr. and ending with Michael W. Weaver, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 1, 2021.

Army nomination of Erica A. Wheatley, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Jamison S. Nielsen, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Robert P. Lewis and ending with Scot W. McCosh, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 1, 2021.

Army nomination of Jader A. Morales, to be Major.

Army nomination of Moises Salinas, to be Major.

Army nomination of Michael S. Schwamberger, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Kyle A. Lippold, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Taylor K. Opel, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Shawn G. Abbe and ending with Nathaniel C. Stone, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2021.

Army nomination of Jamie E. Mueller, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Peter S. Black and ending with Robert G. Sacca, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2021.

Army nomination of Edward W. Lumpkins, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Gina M. Farrington, to be Major.

Army nomination of Disa L. Rifkin, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Jessica K. Smyth, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Brock A. Chavez, to be Major.